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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT SITUATION MAY BE EVOLVING IN WHICH FRENCH WILL CAPTURE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CONFERENCE OF 27. DESPITE THEIR EARLIER DISCLAIMERS OF ANY INTEREST IN CHAIRMANSHIP, THEY ARE CLEARLY MAKING THEMSELVES AVAILABLE. FRG IS ALREADY SUPPORTING FRANCE, AND SOME OF THE SMALLER EC COUNTRIES SEEM TO BE LEANING IN THAT DIRECTION.

2. AS EXPLAINED IN REF A, WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT CHAIR MUST BE NEUTRAL, PARTICULARLY GIVEN LIKELIHOOD THAT THERE WILL BE AT LEAST TWO MEETINGS OF 27 AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL AS WELL AS POSSIBLE INTERIM MEETINGS AT OFFICIAL LEVEL. THEREFORE, WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT  
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CHAIRMANSHIP OF 27 BE HANDLED IN SAME MANNER AS

CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMISSIONS, I.E. ONE CO-CHAIRMAN FROM EACH OF THE TWO GROUPS WHO WOULD PROVIDE A TECHNICAL CHAIRMANSHIP ON A ROTATING BASIS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR FRANCE, WHICH IS

INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY AND WHO WILL PRESUMABLY BE PART OF SINGLE EC REPRESENTATION, TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN FOR MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

3. UK HAS APPARENTLY TAKEN NO POSITION WITHIN EC ON CHAIRMANSHIP ISSUE. WE WOULD HOPE THAT HMG WOULD SHARE OUR VIEWS CONCERNING FRENCH CHAIRMAN, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF COMPLICATIONS IT WOULD POSE FOR QUESTION OF EC AND UK REPRESENTATION.

4. THEREFORE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RAISING THIS SUBJECT AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL WITH HMG, REITERATING OUR VIEWS AND REQUESTING UK SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT OF ROTATING CHAIRMAN BOTH WITHIN THE IEA (WHICH WILL DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 10) AND IN EC DISCUSSIONS. KISSINGER

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